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SUBJECT: BISHOP MUZOREWA PRESS CONFERENCE

1. MARCH 9 ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL CARRIES REPORT OF MARCH 7 PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN VISITING ZAMBIAN JOURNALISTS IN MAPUTO BY RHODESIAN ANC LEADER BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS STIMULATED BY APPEARANCE THAT MORNING IN OBSERVOR OF INTERVIEW QUOTING PRESIDENT NYERERE AS SAYING THAT RHODESIAN GUERRILLA FIGHTERS HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN MILITARY LEADERSHIP THAT EXCLUDES ALL FEUDING ANC FACTIONS AND WHICH MUST BE RECKONED WITH BY UK IN ANY TALKS OVER RHODESIA S FUTURE, MUZOREWA SAID THAT HE CONTINUES BE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE ANC. BISHOP REPORTEDLY SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS NON-COMMITTALLY WHEN ASKED IF THERE REALLY IS A "THIRD FORCE" WITHIN ANC WHICH HAD, OR INTENDS TO, DISOWN EXISTING LEADERSHIP.

2. OTHER COMMENTS REPORTEDLY MADE BY MUZOREWA INCLUDE:
-- HE HAS NO FEAR OF RIVAL ANC LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO WHO HAS
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BECOME A "LAUGHING STOCK" AFTER ALLOWING HIMSELF BE "DUPED"

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BY WILY IAN SMITH. SMITH-NKOMO TALKS ARE USELESS AND WILL ACHIEVE NOTHING,

-- ANC RESOLUTELY AND FIRMLY SUPPORTS DECISION BY MOZAMBIQUE TO CLOSE ITS BORDERS WITH RHODESIA AND APPLY UN SANCTIONS FULLY,

-- SOVIET UNION, CUBA, AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES ARE FRIENDS AND COMRADES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. THE ANC RESERVES RIGHT TO CALL ON ANY OR ALL OF THEM TO COME TO ITS AID AND HELP IN LIBERATION STRUGGLE,

-- LUSAKA REMAINS ANC HEADQUARTERS AND ALL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IS BEING CARRIED ON FROM THERE, NOT FROM MAPUTO.
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